

**JEFF DAVIS PARISH
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (JDPEDC)
MINUTES OF MEETING
DATE: 10/9/19**

The meeting was opened, and the following attendance was noted:

Name	Representing	Present	Absent
Mike Heinen	J.D. Tourist Commission	X	
Beau Hearod	Jennings	X	
Tony Hulsey, Vice-Chairman	Jennings	X	
Joel Oustalet	J.D. Tourist Commission		X
Ronnie Petree, Chairman	Welsh	X	
Jay Theunissen, Secretary/Treasurer	Jennings		X
Marilyn Watkins	J.D. Tourist Commission	X	
Rick Arceneaux	Attorney		X
Mayor Henry Guinn	City of Jennings	X	
Marion Fox	President/CEO	X	
Tracie Fontenot	EDC Office	X	

Guest Present: Zach Hager with One Acadiana, Senator Jerry Theunissen, Mr. Jim Wright and Creed M Romano with Entergy.

Call to Order ~ *Chairman Petree called* the meeting to order at 12:05pm.

Approval of Agenda: *A motion was made by Marilyn Watkins, seconded by Tony Hulsey and passed unanimously* to approve the agenda of October 9, 2019.

Prayer and Pledge: *Tony Hulsey* led the prayer and *Mike Heinen* led the pledge.

Approval of Minutes: *A motion was made by Tony Hulsey, seconded by Mike Heinen and passed unanimously* to approve *the minutes of October 9, 2019.*

Approval of Financials: *A motion was made by Mike Heinen, seconded by Beau Hearod and passed unanimously* to approve *the financials ending July 30 and August 31, 2019.*

Public Comments: N/A

Old Business: There was supposed to be an Industrial board meeting today, but a notice was not put out. Nothing really going on at this time. We will start meeting one on one with our School Board members and the Industrial Board to explain the process of the ITEP exemptions. Suggested again to bring the Police Juror's and the School Board members for a tour of Lacassine.

Lacassine Operating Co. had an article in the newspaper and mentioned that resumes to come through Jeff Davis Economic Development in care of Marion and we forward them on to Mr. Kevin Dodds. They are hiring from Jeff Davis Parish and requesting the employees to sign a contract to stay a certain length of time.

ITEP Request – Louisiana Spirits – School Board requested an extension.

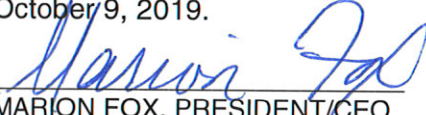
New Business: IMPACT 2020 ~ 2024 The Campaign for One Acadiana Investment. It's a collective commitment to continue working together to develop a globally competitive regional economy. IMPACT 2020 – 2024 total 5-year Pledge: \$25,000 / \$5,000. *A motion was made by Mike Heinen, seconded by Tony Hulsey and passed unanimously* to approve the *IMPACT 2020 – 2014 total 5-year Pledge.*

LA Works October 2019 Quarterly Job Fair will be held in Welsh at the Community Center.

Economic Development Update ~ Mayor Guinn and Marion have been working on a recycling plant. Several tire companies need a place to get rid of their tires. Because the private people in the state that are doing this now their rates are going up. A company is looking at our parish to locate a tire and plastic recycling plant. Modeler units are purchased for different products. Twenty-million-dollar investment for plastic, tires and twenty-million-dollar investment for metal and other materials. Tires and plastic are phase one. EDC is searching for land and they are interested in the Opportunity Zone.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mike Heinen, seconded by Tony Hulsey and passed unanimously to adjourn.

I, Marion Fox, certify that the above and foregoing constitute the minutes of the first meeting of the commissioners of the Jeff Davis Parish Economic Development Commission held on October 9, 2019.


MARION FOX, PRESIDENT/CEO